

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Eastlake City Council was held at Eastlake City Hall, 35150 Lakeshore Boulevard. The Meeting was called to order by Council President Mr. Elshaw at approximately 7:34 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Lajeunesse.

ATTENDEES

Members of Council in attendance were Mr. Lajeunesse, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Zontini, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Morley and Council President Mr. Elshaw. Also attending was Asst. Council Clerk Ms. Ryans.

Those attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Finance Director Mr. Condron, Law Director Mr. Klammer, City Engineer Mr. Gwydir, and Fire Chief Whittington.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 24, 2009

MOTION: Mr. Morley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 24, 2009. Mr. Zontini seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Mr. Lajeunesse, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mr. Zontini, Mr. Morley,
Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Elshaw
Abstain: Mr. Knuchel

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

Mr. Elshaw: We have a request to move the legislation up to the beginning of the meeting because Mr. Lajeunesse has a family matter to attend to tonight. So we will honor that request.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I appreciate that Mr. President.

Mr. Elshaw: You're welcome. Before we have legislation we will have recognition of the public.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Elshaw recognized the public input at this time; he reminded the speakers that there is a 3-minute limit for their comments; all comments are to be directed to the Chair and not include any personalities or individuals.

Daniel Mahshefski, 34028 Sylvia Drive, Eastlake

Mr. Mahshefski: A year ago we had trails out in the woods that were plowed down. We would like to start building some new trails in the City. Next thing on my list is that we need some lights or something at the skate park. The skate park gets trashed at night and the boards get tore up. We need to get a camera over there, turn the lights back on, or patrolling

over there to stop this problem. I, myself, built some ramps there and I have spent quite a bit of money. I went up there Thursday night after I got out of the hospital and there were hundreds of dollars worth of damage. With the ramps they have there now they are starting to get dilapidated and all the wood is starting to get holes in it and they are starting to peel up. We have been fixing it up ourselves the best that we can. As far as buying new material for it – I understand that recreation is getting funds from the sale of the house on Roberts Road – if you would buy the material we could install it ourselves at no cost. We would be more than happy to fix it. I've been a carpenter for 21 years now and that's not beyond my capability. That's really all I have – I just wanted to bring this to light. I still have the article from when the trails were torn down last year. That was a heart break to all of us. I'm 39 years old and I still haven't gone back there. It goes from my age back to 12 year olds for people who are riding. They just need someplace else to ride. Thank you.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I will be glad to tell you why we had to do what we did with the mounds at the trails. In essence that land was purchased with a grant. And when a grant was given to us the grant stated that the land must remain in its natural state. If we didn't do that we would have had to repay for that land right now. And we know the skate park is used by a lot of people and that's why we are planning for this in this year's budget. We are planning with Council's help to put some money from the Inheritance Fund that we get and it could be a dollar one this year and ten dollars next year, but we would set that money aside for purposes of recreation. The Service Director Mr. Semik has already ordered some new ramps. Here is the key – when you see damage being done there get on your cell phones and call the Police Department. We need you guys to help us police it. I wrote down to get lights at the skate park.

Mr. Malishefski: It seems all the young kids hang out there when it's dark.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I'm all for having recreation programs in the City. With your help and you will be hearing from some of the groups that are here tonight as part of the Block Watch. They have done a tremendous job of patrolling the Houston Fisher pool and Jakse Park area. You guys can do the same and we can catch the few bad ones. Just tell your guys out there to not be afraid to call the police. They aren't going to be coming after you - we just want help in finding out who is doing the damage. Where you can help is patrolling that area? Feel free to stop in sometime and we will discuss this some more.

Mrs. Chris Krajnyak, 1278 Waverly Road, Eastlake – Block Watch

Mrs. Krajnyak: We would like to find out what is going on with the Houston Fisher Pool and the park area. I know there was a pressure test and I would like to know how that came out? A lot of us are concerned because we started the Block Watch Program because crime was increasing. What people need to understand is that we have a lot of cottage style homes – they are homes that first time buyers need to have such as young families. We can't attract young families with children without a Recreation Department and a pool. This will be creating a huge problem for all of us not just the ones who live by the park. I would like to know what exactly is going on with the pool? What are the future plans with the pool? If we don't have enough money to open up the pool how are we going to achieve this? When are the Recreation Committee Meetings? I haven't heard about any meetings at all. It is a real concern; it is a concern for the kids and for all of us who live here. Block Watch can only do what we can do – we patrol that park – and we have dropped crime tremendously. But we

need additional help from Council and the Mayor to really get on board with the Recreation Department for recreation and for our pool. Again, we don't know what's happening with the pool. The pool was intentionally abandoned to save money. It wasn't closed to save money and in three to four years worked on to reopen. It was abandoned. The water was this high. There was repeated drug use there at the park. It was crazy. I'm just frustrated and impassioned by this and I need to have your reassurance first and to find out what is happening with our pool. I've had Block Watch come to this meeting and have as many show up as can so you can tell us what you're doing on our behalf. Are there any answers to these questions, Mayor?

Mr. Elshaw: We do have a Finance Committee meeting; it's a budget hearing that is scheduled for tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Krajnyak: That's our Block Watch meeting. We have a self defense demonstration scheduled for this meeting. Do you have any other meetings after that?

Mr. Elshaw: I received quite a few e-mails and I don't know if the others on Council have received e-mails, also, regarding the pool. I know that some people were invited to attend the Council Meeting. I also sent out an e-mail over the weekend indicating that our Finance Committee meeting is tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. We're going to be discussing the pool, budget, and other items, but we need to know how everything is going to fit together. Right now there is deficit spending in the budget. That's not a good thing, but we are also looking at a 5-year forecast to see how that fits in there. There are some one-time items in there that we need to do for infrastructure purposes, but we need to see how we can fit in a pool and how we can do all that. Tomorrow night is that discussion.

Mrs. Krajnyak: How detailed is that discussion for tomorrow night? Has anybody tried to estimate what is needed to make the pool and have them go to the meeting for the input? Is there a plan to open it or not to open it? Is it still in the discussion stage or is it imperative that we budget the money? I guess my question is what can residents do? You see the support here.

Mr. Elshaw: Yes, we do.

Mrs. Krajnyak: What can we do? Is it a fund raiser, is it trying to find people that will come to the park, raise the fees yearly or what else can we do? I think it's a combination of working together. It's not what you can do for us with the money that you have. So I think we need to understand what money you have, to do what with, and what the costs are? And then we can create together and collaborate with some sort of assistance and plan on how to make this happen because it's clear we do want that pool to open.

Mr. Elshaw: As far as an estimate I know that Council has requested the Administration to provide those costs to Council for this meeting so we can go through that.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Whoa! May I speak?

Mr. Elshaw: Absolutely.

Mayor Andrzejewski: We do not have to provide costs for this meeting.

Mr. Elshaw: No. That's not my understanding.

Mr. Knuchel: This is a budget.

Mr. Elshaw: One at a time.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I just want to make this clear to everybody that I am absolutely, positively, without a doubt in favor of opening the pool. You will find no more ardent supporter than me and I have been for the past year. We went out and got \$150,000 grant from our State Representative. We also worked with Council to take \$142,000 to set aside from the Inheritance Fund. We did this because we want to plan to get recreation programs in this City. Now with that said, we have started working on the pool. And we have for the past two months, because I asked Mr. Semik that when it was below 0 degrees to start working on the pool. But it has not been used for three years. So all the plumbing had to be torn apart. The pressure testing was just done today, as a matter of fact, and we are waiting for the results. The electrical was checked. We had the Health Department in here to check for any violations. We put together bid specs that you see on the meeting tonight. Council will put it in a Committee for bid specs for a new boiler because the boiler is a big part. There is a hot water tank and some of the other things for the pool. So there are no cost estimates as yet because we are still planning. Mrs. Krajnyak, that's what I told you on the phone. So any of the stuff we can do now before it gets warmer we want to do. That's where we need the help from Council in that respect and they have helped. I'm sure they'll put these bid specs in and they'll get it right away so we can go ahead and get the boiler.

There are some on Council who don't want to see the pool open and I think that has to be brought out. I will read you a memo from a Councilman here and see what you have to say. It says "Please provide the amount of costs expended to date on the Houston Fisher Pool rehab including the amount of funds expended on manpower." That was written by Mr. Lajeunesse. At the last Council meeting we said...

Mr. Elshaw: I don't want this to get personal.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I want to hear from Mr. Lajeunesse if he is in favor of opening up the pool?

Mr. Elshaw: We are going to go over all of this tomorrow night, but let me just say this. Council did pass an interim budget and in that budget it included a pool – just so everybody knows that.

Mrs. Krajnyak: What does that mean?

Mr. Elshaw: It means that we are trying to pass our final budget for this year by the end of March. Finalizing what we can spend during the year on appropriations like the pool, or how much we can spend during the year and how much the Administration can spend during the year on other items. We also have a mid-year re-appropriation where we can take a look at things too but with the economy as it is we need to take a good look at it right now. The interim budget was passed in November so that way we can keep the City running until we do pass this final budget. In November when we took a look at the interim budget the pool

was included in that budget. Here is the thing, there are two parts of it – there's the repair of the pool and the operations. The Mayor is correct that we did receive \$150,000 from our State Representatives and Senators. We also have \$142,000 that was put in a Recreation Fund last year. And what we did do, as the Mayor has said, is we did take money from our Inheritance Tax, which is hard to predict what you are going to get in the Inheritance Tax, and we said for future recreational purposes we would like to set this aside in hopes of opening up a pool. So we have \$300,000 - plus with the sale of the HUD home we will have something there. But with that aside, what we want to make sure is that we stay within the budget because this budget is extremely tight. We need to stay within the \$300,000 for this repair.

Mayor Andrzejewski: What I'm trying to say that as much labor as we can do with our guys now we are doing it. And to answer your question saying I want a detailed report on how much you're spending on the pools when you don't asked for a detailed report of every hour we spend on the roads or on snow removal, on leaf pick up or on other things - it's all City labor. I expect that within the next two to three weeks once we get the report from the plumber, and once we get the report from the electrician, once we get the report on how much the boiler's going to cost then we will know what we are talking about. Everything is on track to get that pool open. As far as the budget we submitted \$110,000 for the pool. We estimated about \$20,000 in pool passes.

Mr. Elshaw: Actually, I saw less. That it was \$100,000 and you had \$30,000 coming in so it was about \$70,000.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Compare that to \$9 million that we spend on salaries, benefits, PERS, workers comp and health insurance. So I think \$70,000 of a \$14 million budget is a fair amount of money to give back to the residents. That's why you see me so passionate about opening up the pool because I feel like you that if we don't have recreation programs in the City we're going to become a City where young families won't want to live. I don't know how long I'm going to be around but future generations will suffer because now all we have is people not making our City young and vibrant. You need residents of all ages in the City. I don't want to go on and on because I am for the pool - most of Council is for the pool - so once we get the numbers together I can give those to Council. But to throw out numbers now is wrong because it could be way over or way under.

Mrs. Krajnyak: But the fact is that there are no firm estimates as to what that pool is going to cost to get it up and running. Tomorrow night is the budget meeting.

Mayor Andrzejewski: That's just for the yearly operation of the pool. We know it's going to cost us around \$100,000. So these gentlemen are going to discuss the cost of the chemicals, and the cost of electricity...

Mrs. Krajnyak: That's to maintain it – how about to fix it?

Mr. Elshaw: Mr. Lajeunesse you've been waiting. Go ahead – you have the floor.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mayor, since you took on the challenge - I will publically challenge you, not here though on this pool.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Are you for it or against it?

Mr. Lajeunesse: First, of all it is important that the finances are in line with what they need to be.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Are you for it or against it?

Mr. Elshaw: Let him answer it – one at a time.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I can also tell you that my youngest child still belongs to the Eastlake swim team. So I personally use that pool. I personally go to ten other suburbs in this area yearly in the first week of August for championships for 2000 people. So when I okay a budget to put a pool in there I will take everything into consideration to make sure that I agree with what needs to be done for the future of this community. I've been involved with soccer, I've been involved with Little League and I've been involved with numerous things, Mayor. And you want to challenge me on swimming I'll take you on regarding this issue.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I just want to know if you are for or against the pool.

Mr. Elshaw: You asked your question and you got an answer.

Mayor Andrzejewski: He never answered the question – are you for or against opening the pool?

Mr. Morley: Do you want to get in a contest here? I'm holding my tongue on some things because I don't want to fry in front of these people. We're going to get to that in a minute.

Mayor Andrzejewski: This Councilman challenges us on opening up the pool.

Mr. Elshaw: Mayor, you don't have the floor. You do not have the floor!

Mr. Morley: You're ridiculous.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I would also like to clarify that I did send a memo, and Mr. Chairman I did look at you just now, and I did send that memo as far as the cost. As we go over the budget hearings to make sure that the Administration had their cost on how to run the pool. I believe that was the memo.

Mrs. Krajnyak: It sounds like none of you are really giving your honest opinion. I can see some of you like he said "he is holding his tongue" in giving your opinion. We spent time to come up here and we would like an honest opinion and you keep hitting your gavel and telling everybody not to talk. We came here to hear things. I'm getting the feeling that most of you are not in support of the pool. If that is the case give us some options. Give us an option to open this pool because it is important to the residents.

Mr. Knuchel: Mr. Chairman could I have the floor?

Mr. Elshaw: Yes, Mr. Knuchel you can have the floor.

Mr. Knuchel: Tomorrow night we are doing the Finance Committee Meeting - we are not doing it tonight much to my dismay because I am really happy that you guys are here and I'm happy that you are supporting your pool and supporting a life style in the City of Eastlake that we can all look forward to. What I want to say is that we will be discussing this tomorrow night but contrary to what the Mayor said this is part of our budget even if it is outside of our General Funds spending. We do approve a full budget with spending in the General Fund and outside funds so we will be discuss this. We would like and we would appreciate any insight you have into the potential costs of doing this. And that is part of the natural budget process, Mr. Mayor. We've been through this for 4 years together – almost 5 - and you know how the game is played. We have to have the numbers to look at them and to see how we are going to proceed with our budget. These matters will be taken care of tomorrow at the meeting – I'm sorry that you can't make it. But, there are two things that you can take to the bank – one, that you are here and that means a lot to me, personally. Number two, this will be discussed and we will look at it and we will go through it with a fine tooth comb. Number three, this issue is an issue that we have been going over for years. I don't think that there is a person up here that does not want recreation in this City right now. We have to look, as your elected representatives, how that fits in the whole budget - in the whole scheme of things and not just “are we getting a pool this year or not.” So these are the questions and although some people may be a little bit standoffish tonight – they are standoffish because we have to look at this from a total perspective of what we are going to do as a City for the next year. So I would ask that you would indulge us. The meeting minutes will be out as soon as they are approved and you can check them out on line. The Finance Committee meetings are always on line and you can look at the minutes.

Mrs. Krajnyak: *(Mrs. Krajnyak's comment could not be understood due to the sound system.)*

Mr. Morley: I'll answer it. Sometimes the Mayor has good intentions, but sometimes that is to bring different issues in personal attacks on some Councilmen. I am for the pool – okay I'll answer that. But you have to look at what we have to look at. We can't give you an answer and say “yes” or “no” today because we wouldn't be doing our jobs for the residents if the Mayor just says “I want the pool and we have this money in it.” That document that we have to go over in the budget is 50 to 60 pages – it is not just a one line item for the pool. I'm for the pool, but for me to say tonight to you “yes” it's going to happen – I won't do that because I won't lie to you and say that we have the money until we sit down and look at all the numbers. It's not about that we have that \$300,000 in there because that's for the pool. If that's going to work and those are workable numbers and we don't go over the \$300,000 to fix it I am willing to open that pool.

Mrs. Krajnyak: Will each of you commit?

Mr. Morley: I'll commit right now.

Mrs. Krajnyak: Will each of you commit to us tonight that you will follow up with us and explain what occurs tomorrow night in the budget. We are not experienced enough with what you people do. We vote you in and we trust that you are going to do what you are supposed to do and we leave that for you. We trust that you are going to come back and

explain to us what's going on with the pool. Please bring some options where we can do something ourselves if need be to help get this pool up.

Mr. Morley: The times that I have been available and any other Council people have been available to come to the Block Watch we have tried to give information from any of our meetings – but, right now the Block Watch is set up for tomorrow on self-defense and we have meetings. That is one of the reasons I have not attended some of the last Block Watch meetings. Anybody who has e-mailed me about that pool I have responded to with my answers. And they are not the political answers but they are the answers and I try to be a straight shooter and that's where I am at.

Mrs. Krajnyak: I think that for myself, I am not exactly saying that I want to go two nights to see if the pool is opening up. You need to have a plan and you need to work on it. One of my questions is the \$150,000 – if that grant was written for Houston Fisher Pool is it just for the park, is it just for the physical body for the pool, or are we going to be kissing away \$150,000, or is it going to some project in the future that none of us really know about. And if we cannot physically open the pool and we cannot fit it in the budget fine then what is in the budget for a Recreation Department? I have tons of kids on my street and all around the area. We had an incident at Surfside on Friday with vandalism and a lot of kids getting into trouble. Things are going to start getting worse and it is because the kids have nothing to do; they have no pride in their community because their community has done nothing. Our parks were literally abandoned. I know you worked really hard in rebuilding that park and it's great but there are a lot of other green spaces and there is nothing there. Look at the skate park – there is vandalism and there are things like that. I know there are things we can do and we'll help you on that. But if the pool can't open up we need to have something else for our kids to do. We need to know that you are hearing us and that you are committed to us. I understand that you can't give a "yes" or "no" tonight, but we are really impassioned by it.

Mr. Zontini: Just an echo and emphasizing on what Mr. Morley and Mr. Knuchel said. There has been an implication here tonight there are some people on this Council that are opposed to the pool and you believe that. I just want to make it very clear that there is not one person on this Council who isn't in favor of a pool opening in this City. Some of us even voted against destroying Surfside's pool. There is not one person on this Council who is not in favor of recreation. To take away recreation and to keep the pools closed is just sucking the life out of the Community and we all know that. But as we stated we cannot give you an answer until we have numbers to be able to see if we can even afford it.

Mrs. Krajnyak: What have you done for recreation for the last three years? Have there been any Recreation meetings? Has anybody gotten together to try to figure out what we need for recreation for our kids? I mean I had to fight and fight to get volleyball nets up at the park. Mr. Semik was fantastic and anything we asked him to get he was able to get. And then we made sure those nets were not ripped out. They were still up in January and perfectly fine and the kids were up there and they were playing volleyball and basketball. But, for three years - nothing. I understand you have to budget and I understand what you have to do but what has been happening for the last three years?

Ms. Vaughn: I know a lot of you people because I have had contact with you throughout the year. I know how passionate you are on this issue and other issues. I will state unequivocally that I am 100% for the pool. I think that it is more important to get the pool fixed then to get new street lights. That's my opinion and I don't reflect anybody else's opinion. I hope you can make the Finance Committee meeting tomorrow because that is where the decisions are made. But, we can't expect you to change your meeting. If you need information afterwards please feel free to call any one of us because we all hear something different. I'll hear one thing, Mr. Zontini will hear another thing and Mr. Elshaw will hear something else. I'll hear my point of view, Mr. Zontini will hear his point of view, and Mr. Elshaw will hear his point of view.

Mrs. Pat DeLeur, 1294 Waverly, Eastlake

Mrs. Pat Deleur: What will our presence at the Budget Meeting do?

Ms. Vaughn: It's a little less structured than a Council Meeting. You don't have as many residents there as you do tonight. This is highly unusual. At the Committee meeting there is give and take and the Chair for that Committee offers an opportunity to the audience to make a statement. At the Budget Meeting you will hear recommendations from the Committee members and Council. You will hear Committee viewpoints. I know everybody on Council wants recreation for this City. We have not had a Recreation Committee meeting, or an Advisory Committee meeting or a meeting with the group of residents since I got on Council to discuss any long term plans for recreation. That's not necessarily Council's' job to do this also Council I am sure would be asked to participate.

Mrs. Krajnyak: Whose job is it?

Mr. Knuchel: The Administration.

Mr. Elshaw: These are great questions. One of the reason's I allowed the discussion to occur - and for those of you that do come to our meetings we don't usually allow discussion during that period - it was to give the residents a chance to give us their opinions, comments and so on - some questions and answers during that period. Also, the Administration and Council can give a direction on where this may lead or what the answers may be. Aside from allowing that to occur, as far as the gavel - I just need to keep things under control here. If there are personal attacks I try not to allow that but yet I'm trying not to limit anybody's freedom of speech. I try to allow questions to be asked and questions to be answered but it has to be professional. When we start attacking each other it's going to go nowhere and I cannot allow that to happen. That is why I did that. As far as the last couple of years, I've been doing this for about 5-1/2 years and it's been relatively difficult because this City has not had any money since I started. Since I started we were in a fiscal emergency situation, \$3 million in debt, aside from our long term debts which we're trying to address. So there hasn't been money for recreation. I know that there was a levy that went out and it was turned down and we made the necessary cuts so that way we could remove the City from fiscal emergency and it was always the intent once that was removed to start bringing back some of our services. Then right after the fiscal emergency removal happened we hit this economic down turn - and that's putting it lightly, that's putting it very lightly. There are cuts in the State, other cities are making cuts to their budgets, and our county is making cuts. We just want to make sure that we don't overextend ourselves because that would not be

good. We can't do that as a City because that would be fiscally irresponsible for me or other members of this Council to do – that's my opinion. As far as the pool, as I said, we talked about the outside funding which we moved to the Recreation Fund. If the Administration can stay within the \$300,000 that's in that fund to repair the pool I wouldn't have any objections to that. I just want to be assured that that can happen. As far as the year-to-year expenditures because there is a cost in our budget for having the pool open on a year-to-year basis and the Mayor already said that is \$70,000. If we can take a look at that and maybe pare that down - I think that is what our discussion is going to be about tomorrow night. Normally, we don't discuss all this in this Council Meeting because we are trying to pass the legislation that we've already talked about. But those are some of the things that we need to talk about and how we are going to keep this going. How can we sustain it – that's the question for tomorrow night that we are going to be looking at?

Mrs. Krajnyak: What time is the Budget Meeting?

Mr. Elshaw: It will be at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Normally it is next door, but if there are a lot of people we will move it in here.

Mrs. Rydzinski, 1167 E. 357th, Eastlake

Mrs. Rydzinski: I am here on behalf of the swim team. I am the Vice-President of the swim team for the City of Eastlake. Mr. Lajeunesse was correct in saying that the championships are every year the first week of August. I would like to say to the audience that I have been to the Budget Meetings last year and it was like watching paint dry. The Finance Committee has done an awesome job because I could never have been able to sit there and go through all of those numbers and made sense of it. With all that said I have a couple of questions. The first one let me just say that I'm not against opening the pool and I'm not for opening the pool. I want what's best for the City. If that means not opening the pool because we can't afford it – we can't afford it. If we can afford it then open that pool. Again, I'm the Vice-President for the swim team. My questions are – if we open the pool when is it opening? Because if you look at the time frame right now there's no way we are going to have that pool ready to open by the end of May or first part of June because that is when pools open. So, when do we open it – in July? My second question – is that financially feasible to do? I know you have talked about some kind of sports recreation center in the City. We need to stop putting ourselves down. This is a great City and we need to start acting like it and we're not. I know that other Cities are waiting to know if our pool will be opened in Eastlake. I, myself, go to the swim team meetings and they tell me that it does matter to other cities as far as planning swimming events.

My family did not have enough money to go on vacation so we decided to go pool hopping – we went to every single city pool in Northeast Ohio. We had a lot of fun. I must tell you that Houston Fisher Pool was the most hideous one of all of them besides Richmond Hts. pool. I know what the other cities have and I hope we make Houston Fischer Pool better than what it was because what it was before was disgusting. I did talk to Mr. Semik earlier and if you need painting these kids can paint. Let them paint the walls; let them scrub the floors to help get the pool ready to open if it is opening. You put stock in the pool and you become part of the pool and become part of the pool. And it not just the pool - it is recreation period. If you need prices to run the pool you can call Willoughby or Willowick - they can give you an estimated cost. Last year my daughter got a job working at the City of Willowick because

we did not have a pool. I did the numbers from what she makes working at Willowick Pool. A ball park estimate which I gave to the Councilman last year when they were doing the financing and I realize that there is also worker's compensation and that there is liability insurance but a simple phone call to another city to answer those questions.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I didn't say I didn't know how much it would cost to run the pool. I said I don't know yet how much the costs would be to repair the pool. There's a huge difference – we know what it costs to run the pool as far as chemicals and labor for lifeguards and that's \$100,000. What we don't know and I don't have an exact number on the cost to repair the pool. And I think that what you are hearing from these gentlemen is that as long as it is not over \$300,000 and we stay in that number then we'll fix the pool. We have also been working on the pool since December. We have been working on the pool since December because I want that pool open. If you go look at it, it is all torn up. My guys have removed the bathrooms, the showers, the plumbing that has to be fixed, they drained the pool – they've done a lot of work – we have to wait until the weather gets warm – that is what I was saying about manpower. We use our manpower as we see fit so we used our manpower when it's cold out to work on the pool. Mrs. Rydzinski, the paint is the least of our problems. The biggest issues are the plumbing and the electrical. Mrs. Krajnyak I can't say if the pool will be open. I would say that it would not open if the costs went over the \$300,000 that we have allocated. We know what it would cost to run it and that would be \$100,000 and what we get for pool fees. We do want it open on time, that's why we have been doing all this work.

Mr. Elshaw: One last thought on that is that we did include the pool on the interim budget. And one of the reasons we did that is that we do understand the time constraints on opening the pool. And, that the Administration would have to start doing some work ahead of time to get things in shape if it was going to open.

Major Andrzejewski: Just to cover all the bases - we have allocated \$225,000. I'm not saying that we are spending all of that. We got one of the best pool consultants in Ohio. He has helped fix pools in many cities. He has been working with us and making sure that we are not missing anything. He put the bid specs together – he's making sure the plumbing is working before we go out and bid on the boiler. We are employing a good person to help us.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mrs. Rydzinski, I don't want to put you on the spot but just for clarification, I know we've done the swim team for 10 years and we had over 2,000 people over at the Houston Fisher Pool about 5 or 6 years ago. Being Vice-President of the swim team I consider this is a good discussion because it is on record and it is also in front of about 50 other residents and the Fire Department. Being Vice-President when do you need to know when our pool is going to be open and what is the procedure that you had to do last year in order to rent time from the Willoughby Pool? When did you have to go out and get a \$5,000 sponsorship? And that \$5,000 sponsorship is in jeopardy? So, therefore, you're in dire need to understand what we are going to do.

Mrs. Rydzinski: The sponsorship is for the swim team from all the areas Highland Hts., Richmond Hts., Mentor - that had to be sent two weeks ago.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I heard that through the grapevine so I want to make sure that was correct.

Mrs. Rydzinski: They are patiently waiting to hear because if Eastlake does have a pool we would have swim meets if the Administration approves it. By having swim meets it allows us to make money for the team. We do presently swim at Willoughby. If the City does not have a pool then we will not have a swim team because we don't have any financial way that we can do it. Last year we received a \$5,000 grant from Eaton. And if anybody knows about Eaton they've had a huge lay-off. The cost to rent Willoughby pool is too great and we can't do it anymore.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I'm going to close with this. To the residents that are here I hope you can understand my predicament. I have been involved with the Eastlake swim team for 10 to 12 years. My oldest is 19 years old and she swam at the Houston Fisher Pool when she was 6 years old. My youngest is 15 ½ years old and she has one more year to go and this will be her last year. So you want to talk about being at home and trying to make a decision as a Councilperson and doing the right thing and having my youngest daughter ask, "Dad, where am I going to swim because I want to finish? Am I going to swim for Eastlake or am I going to swim for another city?" So, Mrs. Rydzinski, I will do everything I can but I have to do it for the right reasons and for the right way.

Mr. Elshaw: Thank you.

Mrs. Krajnyak: I didn't get an answer about the \$150,000 and where that can be used. Can it be used for the physical pool or can it be used for the park?

Mr. Elshaw: Mayor, one last question and then we will have to go on with the rest of the meeting.

Mayor Andrzejewski: The State Budget was for \$150,000 for the renovation of Houston Fisher Pool. If we don't use it for the pool I can't say because my mind is on opening the pool. So we are going to be using that money to open the pool.

Mr. Elshaw: Thank you all for coming up here and for your support. Thank you for your patience, too. It's been a difficult ride for the City of Eastlake through fiscal emergency and now with the economy we are trying to weather it all. We do appreciate your support and patience.

There was no one else who wished to speak.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Elshaw

Meetings Scheduled

Mr. Elshaw: A Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. That will be the meeting where we will be passing the budget.

An Economic & Community Development Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

A recommendation was received from the Planning Commission regarding a Conditional Use Permit for North Coast Café, 34516 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake. This was referred to Planning Committee.

A bid recommendation was received from the Administration regarding the SDR PVC Pipe for the South Riverview Project. This was referred to Finance Committee.

A request was received from the Administration to advertise for bids for a boiler for the Houston Fisher Pool. This was referred to Recreation Committee.

A bid recommendation was received from the Administration regarding the primary and backup landscape contracts. This was referred to Finance Committee.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Lajeunesse

Mr. Lajeunesse: I was the one who requested that the public speak first because I had to leave because of my child's function. I thought I should stay here to discuss the pool because I feel this is very important.

The Recreation Committee has not met since the last regularly scheduled Council meeting, therefore, I have no formal report. However, even though as Ms. Vaughn said – it is not really a Council person's position to take on a recreation meeting, Ms. Krajnyak, if you want to get together so you and I can have some further communication regarding recreation in the City we can get together to set something up? I have met with the Presidents of the Leagues six months ago and it worked out very well but, I haven't done that this year yet. We can put it in the Gazette and try to get as many residents as possible. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Ms. Vaughn: Will you be setting a Recreation Committee meeting or will it be your own private meeting?

Mr. Lajeunesse: I will have to confer with our Council President and see. That is a very good question. I understand where you are going because there used to be a Recreation Advisory Board. We will just have to try to coordinate that and see where we can go.

Mr. Elshaw: As you mentioned in the past you had a Recreational Meeting with all the League Presidents. If you wanted to do something like that and invite Mrs. Krajnyak to the meeting since you have not done that yet.

Mr. Lajeunesse: That's a good place to start. I appreciate that. Thank you.

There were no further questions of Mr. Lajeunesse.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Mr. D'Ambrosio

Mr. D'Ambrosio: The Planning Committee met March 3, 2009 at 6:05 p.m. In attendance from the Committee were myself, Mr. Zontini and Mr. Knuchel. In attendance from Council were Mr. Morley and Ms. Vaughn. In attendance from the Administration were Fire Chief

Whittington and Law Director Mr. Klammer. One item was on the agenda – a Liquor License Transfer Request for 354th Street Bar & Grille, 34471 Vine Street, Eastlake to HB, Inc. The Committee agreed to move this matter forward and I will be making the following Motion:

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER REQUEST:

MOTION: I hereby move to approve and send back to Columbus, Ohio with no objections the liquor license transfer request from 345th Street Bar & Grille, LLC & Patio, 34471 Vine Street, Eastlake, OH 44094 to HBII, Inc. dba Handle Bar II, 34471 Vine Street, Eastlake, Ohio 44094. Mr. Zontini seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The Liquor License Transfer request is approved.

Additional Comments

Mr. D'Ambrosio: This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. D'Ambrosio.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Knuchel

Mr. Knuchel: The Finance Committee has not met since our last regularly scheduled Council meeting therefore, I have no formal report. I do have a few comments that I would like to make. I would like to express my and my family's happiness over the out pouring of love and prayers from everybody in the Administration. My Mom wanted me to especially thank Chief Ruth and Chief Whittington for their kind words at my grandmother's funeral. So thanks guys - I appreciate it.

We have a Finance Committee tomorrow Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. I expect to see as many of you as possible. And yes, it is long and yes, it is dry. Please come and enjoy our pain.

I will be making the following Motions:

Legislative Recommendations

Legislation No. 03-10-(03)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 03-10-(03) to the evening's agenda regarding the LAK-Eastlake Signal Upgrade with said Final Resolution to be enacted by the City of Eastlake, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Legislative Authority/Local Public Agency or "LPA," in the matter of the stated described project. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried Legislation No. 03-10-(03) is added to the evening's agenda.

Legislation No. 03-10-(04)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 03-10-(04) to the evening's agenda authorizing the Director of Finance to transfer funds, with said funds to be transferred from the General Fund in the amounts as listed into Fund #301 "General Bond Retirement" for interest payments on the 2004 Stadium Bonds. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried Legislation No. 03-10-(04) is added to the evening's agenda.

Additional Comments

I would personally like to thank Mr. Mathke and Council Present Elshaw along with the Administration for getting the Corporal David L. Daugherty Memorial Park Trust Fund established.

Legislative Recommendations, con't.

Legislation No. 03-10-(05)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 03-10-(05) to the evening's agenda establishing Memorial Trust Fund #623 for the purpose of funding the Corporal David L. Daugherty Memorial Park Trust Fund. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried Legislation No. 03-10-(05) is added to the evening's agenda.

Legislation No. 03-10-(06)

MOTION: I hereby move to add Legislation No. 03-10-(06) to the evening's agenda authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into an Agreement with Jay E. Bocian, Jerome R. Bocian and Laura J. Bocian, the highest and best bidder, for the sale of real property found on "Exhibit A", attached hereto and incorporated herein, for the total amount of Forty-One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$41,500.00). Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried Legislation No. 03-10-(06) is added to the evening's agenda.

Additional Comments

Mr. Knuchel: Just before I conclude my report I received an e-mail today from Mr. Zontini concerning a few issues of interest to him. They dealt with tomorrow night's budget hearings.

Mr. Zontini: Do you want me to ask you the questions?

Mr. Knuchel: No. Thank you. I'll just read off the issues. They are "Given the facts that Ms. Vaughn has just begun to scratch the surface on 155 and Mr. Morley has not yet had the opportunity to schedule a meeting where the Fire Union and the Administration can present to Council their positions and support for part-time employees and the concerns over Houston Fisher Pool and concerns over WPCC regulations and requirements that might be

imposed on us” – he wanted to know “what is it that your Committee hopes to accomplish in a budget meeting with all this impactful and important information not available.”

Honestly, we have been working on the budget for 4 years together. I don't really understand the question but let me explain the process and how this works and this will probably explain your questions. First, the Administration proposes a budget. Second, the Finance Committee then discusses the proposed budget and makes adjustments. The completed budget then moves forward for full Council approval. As you know this must take place before the end of March. If you recall, this Council enacted mid-year budget re-appropriations to deal with situations that were not anticipated at the time of the initial budget process. This may calm some of your fears about outstanding issues. So, in conclusion our Finance Committee, with input from others including Council, Directors and the public, will make adjustments and then move forward with a new budget to forward to Council for full approval. Mr. Condon in regards to 155 and in keeping with Union contracts have you included a 3% raise in your calculations?

Mr. Condon: Yes

Mr. Knuchel: That may help assuage some of your concerns. I appreciate your e-mail and answered you to the best of my ability at this time.

This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Zontini: Thank you, Mr. Knuchel. I appreciate that. I guess my concerns and questions – in not being a numbers guy – I understand that they propose something to us with numbers but how are we do say that those are good or those are bad when we haven't got these other numbers to compare them to and to be able to plug in? We don't have numbers for the pool, we don't have numbers for 155, we don't have an answer to the part-time firemen and we don't have a response for the WPCC. So I am not sure how we can adjust to those programs.

Mr. Knuchel: Again, that's what the mid-year re-appropriations are for - to take that opportunity to look at these issues as they come up. We can also look at these issues as they come up, Mr. Zontini. We aren't bound into this - we have dealt with emergency situations before through re-appropriations. So I don't see this as being a big issue.

Mr. Elshaw: I have just one comment on the budget. Obviously, we need to finalize the budget by March 31, 2009. Our meeting is on March 24, 2009. So we will have to finalize it at our next Council Meeting. We do have the mid-year re-appropriations where we can take a look at stragglng information. There is a lot out there and we just can't wait forever for that information. We need to come to a conclusion for a final budget. And we are going to have to at a certain point in time try to at least project on some of these items. Some of the items that you had mentioned Mr. Zontini might take into account a projection or a best estimate. I don't think that we can include some items until things are finalized and a discussion has been held and we know that we have had full discussion on some items. Right now the budget to me looks extremely tight. So I think we need to move forward with the budget so that way we know how we are going to handle this current year in the economy. It just has to happen.

There were no further questions or comments of Mr. Knuchel.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - Ms. Vaughn

Ms. Vaughn: The Ordinance Committee met March 3, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. Members of the Committee in attendance were Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Morley and Mr. D'Ambrosio. Present from Council were Mr. Zontini, Mr. Lajeunesse, Mr. Knuchel and Council President M. Elshaw. In attendance from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Law Director Mr. Klammer, Finance Director Mr. Condron, Fire Chief Whittington and Police Chief Ruth as well as people in the audience. The Committee discussed the verbiage for 155. We talked and talked and talked and we came to no conclusion except that we should break it down to individual sections and discuss any changes or no changes. I will be scheduling an Ordinance Committee Meeting for either March 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. or March 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at which time we will be adjourning into Executive Session to discuss the salary portions in 155 and recommendations. It should help with the budget consideration. The other things in 155 could possibly affect the budget but very little. That concludes my report on the Ordinance Committee Meeting.

Mr. Frank Bubudar has petitioned to request a street light on his property at 1157 East 346th Street. I will be making the following Motion:

Streetlight Installation

MOTION: I hereby move to approve the installation of a standard streetlight at the location of 1157 East 346th Street, Eastlake, OH. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The streetlight installation is approved.

Additional Comments

Ms. Vaughn: This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Ms. Vaughn.

SERVICE/UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Mr. Zontini

Mr. Zontini: The Service/Utilities Committee met March 3, 2009 at 6:07 p.m. Members of the Committee in attendance were myself, Mr. Morley and Mr. Lajeunesse. In attendance from Council were Mr. D'Ambrosio, Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Knuchel and Council President Mr. Elshaw. In attendance from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Law Director Klammer, Finance Director Condron and Fire Chief Whittington. The two issues that were discussed that evening were the two easement agreements between the City of Eastlake and AT&T. We discussed it at the Council-as-a-Whole Meeting. And both of those easements are on tonight's agenda. That concludes my report and I'm open for comments or questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Zontini.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mr. Morley

Mr. Morley: The Safety Committee has not met since our last regularly scheduled Council meeting. We do have a Part-Time Firefighters Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. This will be a great start before the Budget Meeting at 6:00 p.m. the same day. We will go from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. tomorrow night and I will be excited to be at all those meetings. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Since I was unable to attend the last Part-Time Firefighters Meeting are there several more meetings to come or are we about to ending?

Mr. Morley: Lt. Lloyd and the Mayor are the two Chairs – that would be a question they would have to answer.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Maybe he can address that during the Mayor’s report.

There were no further comments or questions of Mr. Morley.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2009-016

Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Zontini

RESOLUTION NO.: 03-10-(01)

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement with The Ohio Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T, an Ohio Corporation, said easement is for the buried cable on the property which no longer serves a municipal purpose and is located behind Eastlake City Hall, 35150 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Zontini moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Morley seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Zontini moved to adopt. Mr. Morley seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2009-016.

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Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Zontini

RESOLUTION NO.: 03-10-(02)

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into an Exclusive Easement Agreement with The Ohio Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T, an Ohio Corporation, said easement is for placement of cabinets on the property which no longer serves a municipal purpose and is located behind Eastlake City Hall, 35150 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Zontini moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Morley seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Zontini moved to adopt. Mr. Morley seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2009-017.

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Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

ORDINANCE NO.: 03-10-(03)

PID NO. _____
CITY-RTE-SEC LAK-Eastlake Signal Upgrade
The following Final Resolution enacted by the City of Eastlake, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Legislative Authority/Local Public Agency or "LPA," in the matter of the stated described project, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to adopt. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2009-018.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 03-10-(04)

Requested by: Finance Director Condron
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Finance to transfer funds, with said funds to be transferred from the General Fund in the amounts as listed into Fund #301 "General Bond Retirement" for interest payments on the 2004 Stadium Bonds, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to adopt. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2009-019.

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ORDINANCE NO.: 03-10-(05)

Requested by: Finance Director Condron
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

An Ordinance establishing Memorial Trust Fund #623 for the purpose of funding the Corporal David L. Daugherty Memorial Park Trust Fund, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to adopt. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2009-020.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 03-10-(06)A

Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into an Agreement with Jay E. Bocian, Jerome R. Bocian and Laura J. Bocian, the highest and best bidder, for the sale of real property found on "Exhibit A", attached hereto and incorporated herein, for the total amount of Forty-One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$41,500.00), and declaring an emergency.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Mr. Knuchel moved to amend Legislation No. 03-10-(06), Section I, this language should be added to read “which no longer serves a municipal purpose.” Mr. D’Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. D’Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to adopt as amended. Mr. D’Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as amended as Resolution No. 2009-021.

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LEGISLATION PENDING (Placed on First Reading 02-24-09
(Placed on Second Reading 03-10-09)

MOTION TO AMEND:

Ms. Vaughn: I hereby move to amend Legislation No. 02-24-(01), (b), this language should be added to read, “ without the consent of said neighbor.” Mr. D’Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Ms. Vaughn, Mr. D’Ambrosio, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Zontini,
Mr. Morley, Mr. Elshaw
Nays: Mr. Lajeunesse

Legislation No, 02-24-(01) is amended.

Requested by: Mr. D’Ambrosio
Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn

ORDINANCE NO.: 02-24-(01)A
An Ordinance amending Chapter 311 “Street Obstructions and Special Uses,” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastlake, specifically Section 311.05 “Snow Removal Permit Required; Restrictions; Application; Fee,” and declaring an emergency.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Zontini: Point of order. This will not be first reading because we amended – correct? Since it is a new Motion.

Mr. Klammer: It has been read in full so it is not an issue at this point.

Mr. Zontini: This is already second reading for the original Ordinance – and, now we have amended it.

Mr. Klammer: I do not understand the concern.

Mr. Zontini: Well, we didn't have a first reading on this particular ordinance because it has been amended.

Mr. Klammer: You want to consider this first reading?

Mr. Zontini: So, if we do not waive the rules it is still first reading.

Mr. Klammer: Alright, I understand.

Mr. Elshaw: We will ask for a Motion to suspend the rule. But, since that has been brought up I do have a question. If we have something placed on first, second or third reading you can potentially keep drawing it out by amending?

Mr. Klammer: I will have to look at this.

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Ms. Vaughn, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Morley,
Mr. Elshaw
Nays: Mr. Lajeunesse, Mr. Zontini

Motion carried. Legislation No. 02-24-(01) is placed on a reading to be determined.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR – Ted Andrzejewski

Mayor Andrzejewski: Ms. Vaughn, I know your questions are well intended so I would like to answer them. On the Signal Operating Program the \$169,000 matching funds come out of the Road Fund not the General Fund. I firmly believe the cost savings and the electricity, light bulbs, outside labor that we employ, and fix the controllers will more than make up for the \$169,000. Any time an outside agency, NOACA, is willing to pay 80% of the project that operates the City we will take it. Secondly, regarding the whole issue of recreation. Again, I want to say for the record that if you go back to when I first became Mayor and shortly thereafter when we were in fiscal emergency and when we got out of fiscal emergency one of my goals was to continue to restore the recreation program. Whether it is money put in the parks, whether it is money put in the pool, whether it is money put in the Recreation Department with real life employees that we need in the City because I firmly believe this. This is not just because there are a few people here. I've said this in the past and I'll continue to say it. This City will never be a City unless you have more recreation more programs. And we need that in the City to attract young families and to keep young families

here. So you will see me whether it's the pool, or the parks, or the skate park – whatever - I will continue to fight for recreation dollars. When you take \$70,000 to operate the pool for one year and divide that by \$14 million dollar projects – and that's fine I'll answer any questions. When you see that we spend \$9 million on the employee's salary, benefits and PERS. So when you see that we spend \$9 million we can certainly spend \$70,000 on the pool. I just want to clarify my position at these meetings to buy new skate park equipment, to buy new picnic tables, to put work into our parks, to get recreation in the City. I also want to say we received money other than the General Fund – we went out and got a grant for the pool. We went out and followed a HUD opportunity and thank you for passing it tonight. That \$41,000 can be used to buy playground equipment, picnic tables, skating park equipment, tennis courts – whatever we need. So that's \$41,000 that we won't have to put in the General Fund. So in a way I am just starting to show the reactions from the Administration as well as Council's support bringing back recreation programs to the City. I would like to give you some costs for the pool, but when I say I don't have any costs I'm being honest and sincere about that. I'm not going to give a cost and then someone can come back to me and say "Mayor, you said that it was going to cost \$50,000 and now it costs \$150,000." What I'm saying to you is that we have done everything possible to keep the process moving so that we get the good estimates on what it costs for the pool. The only reason the pool won't be open on my end is if the money goes over for fixing the pool from what we get from the State and for the Recreation fund. We won't know until we get all the estimates. We have employed a consultant who is very good at what he does so that we don't make any mistakes in opening the pool unsafely. I hope that puts it to rest and as soon as we get good estimates for the pool we will give good estimates for the pool. Mr. Lajeunesse, about your questions about manpower, I will reiterate that the City uses manpower for the Service Department to fix the roads, leaf pick-up, snow removal, and to pick up branches that have been cut off along Rt. 91. They are used for a variety of reasons. We don't keep track of their hours on those projects, nor do we keep track of their hours on the pool. It is a waste of our time and effort. They are paid an hourly wage by the City and its residents to do whatever work is assigned to them by the Administration. And that includes working on the pool when the days are cold and there is nothing else they can do. So the answer to your memo will be the same as I gave you at the last Council meeting. We don't keep track of those things and we won't. As far as other areas we have put in a part time recreation person for the months of June, July and August and that's up to Council and I will respect your views on that. Again, it shows that we are trying to bring recreation programs in the City. Not a full time person but a part time person for three months. I have already authorized they money to purchase skate park renovation equipment and equipment for the tennis courts so we have that ready to go. We will continue to buy new picnic tables and getting rid of all the old ones that, unfortunately, some people in our City seem to destroy. We will be getting the reinforced metal tables with a plastic coating and they seem to hold up real well. It is our intent to get rid of all the old picnic tables. That's the end of my report.

Mr. Elshaw: Are there any questions or comments?

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mayor, our thoughts both differ on the pool. I do have a question about the garbage fee being rescinded when we are out of fiscal emergency. You and I sat on Council and promised this Community that when we got out of fiscal emergency we would rescind the garbage fee. So I would like to know your plan on how you think we should go about doing it.

Mayor Andzejewski: I would come back to you with this question. We would be happy to get rid of the garbage fee if you would just let me know on how you can replace the \$960,000 in revenue and/or make \$960,000 in cuts.

Mr. Zontini: Then you shouldn't have made that statement.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Mr. Elshaw, did you not ask that we refrain from personal attacks?

Mr. Elshaw: That was just a question. I got it and that's good enough.

Mr. Elshaw: Are there any other comments or questions?

Mr. Zontini: Just for clarification Mayor because Mr. Lajeunesse and I were yelled at by you one night when we said that since we are getting a grant for the pool for \$150,000 we would like to see the documentation and the strings attached to the grant and we were told that's not a grant. But yet several times this evening and your article in the Gazette you called it a grant. I just want it clarified – is it a grant or part of the State's budget?

Mayor Andzejewski: It's both.

Mr. Zontini: Then there are strings attached.

Mayor Andzejewski: There are no strings attached. Mr. Condrón please answer this question?

Mr. Condrón: It is earmarked. In the State's budget it is part of the State's Administrative Capital program. The grant is earmarked for a specific purpose. *(Mr. Condrón's comment could not be understood due to the sound system.)*

Mr. Zontini: Mr. Condrón is it true that when Ms. Fende announced this earmark she said it is to be used for Jaske Park to include Houston Fisher Pool - not to be used for the pool to include the park. Those are her words – isn't that what the earmark is for? To improve Jaske Park to include the pool?

Mayor Andrzejewski: If he does not know he...

Mr. Elshaw: I understand – if he doesn't know he doesn't have to comment on it. It is up to Mr. Condrón.

Mr. Condrón: I'm not that familiar with the press release. I do know it was earmarked for Jakse pool – the application the Mayor submitted was to renovate the pool.

Mr. Elshaw: And, we did get a copy of that.

Mayor Andrzejewski: It was for the renovation of Houston Fisher pool.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mayor, I guess we both differ on the pool because we both supported the 6-mill levy that was defeated 2 to 1. And if that levy went down one of the things that was going to close was going to be the pools. The residents of this community made their choice. Administration and Council are working together to try to reopen that. But that's another reason why I am adamant in trying to do the best possible thing that we can do for all of us. As much as I want that pool to open...

Mayor Andrzejewski: Is there a question here?

Mr. Elshaw: Mr. Lajeunesse can ask a question.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I would just like to know what is your thoughts are regarding the 6-mill levy and the pool being included in that and going down in defeat, and the garbage fee being rescinded, and I guess asking for an 8% pay raise and....?

Mayor Andrzejewski: Is that all of your questions?

Mr. Lajeunesse: I would just like to know the attack that you have on me because I have a thought on something.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Mr. Lajeunesse, ask your first question.

Mr. Zontini: I heard a question in there.

Mr. Elshaw: There was.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Your thoughts on the 6-mill levy – the residents voted it down 2-1 and they voted to close both pools. There are two questions here – you and I both supported that levy and you and I both know what was going to happen.

Mr. Andrzejewski: If I can re-phrase your question. What are my thoughts on the 6-mill levy that was defeated by the residents? I respect their views. And I respect their views that they were going to stick by it.

Mr. Elshaw: Mayor, you made some comments on recreation and how important it is to our Community. I don't disagree with you and I don't want to debate you on this because it is a political year and I don't think that is appropriate for our Council session. However, you did make some comments and I would like to comment on them. You talked about how important recreation is to our community and I do agree. It is very important to our community. I've said in the past that it is a balance between our youth and our seniors and everyone. We have a limited budget and you have to fit everything in. You can't just concentrate on a pool and say I'm in favor of a pool and just say that because what about the senior center, what about our employees, what about running our Departments, what about running our City? It is all important and people expect safety forces to be there when they

need them. You can't just look at it and say you are just going to reinstate recreation from here on out. You can - but I wouldn't just say that's all we're going to do. I think recreation is very important and I would love to do the same. I would love to bring back everything we can as far as recreation. I understand from the people who came here earlier and talked about how important the pool is and how important recreation is. I understand that's part of a community. That's what makes a community desirable to live in. I understand that and that's important. And that also impacts our home values. I understand that and we're doing the best we can with the limited budget and we would like to try and fit that in. We just need to see how everything fits in and in the future. If the economy keeps going down I don't know how we're going to do that but we will do our best. There's no question just a statement.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Whether it's a political year or not I can assure you this and I want this for the record. Next year, the following year, I will continue to talk about recreation. So it has no bearing, whatsoever, whether it's this year, last year or next year I still will be talking and pleading and looking for recreation programs and things to be added to the City. Really, Mr. Elshaw, if anybody knows me they know that when I say this it is true. I don't care if it is an election year I'm stilling going to speak my mind and go for the recreation programs. Technically, I've said in the past our City is made up of Police Department, Fire Department, Service Department, Finance Department and Recreation Department - included in that we cannot be just a City that provides police and fire protection. If we do that- I don't even want to go there. What we have the only thing in recreation right now is our leagues and other than that we don't a Recreation Department, we don't have Recreation employees, we don't have recreation programs in the summer. When my children grew up in the City I would open up the middle of the Gazette in May in the summertime and I could see two pages of recreation activities for the kids of our City - many being low cost activities. And we had two employees in the Recreation Department on a very low budget. So when I talk about recreation programs it's not hundredths and thousandths and millions of dollars. That's all I'm going to say about this. I'm going to talk about this next year and the following year, and the following year.

Mr. Elshaw: The only point I'm trying to make is that we need to proceed with caution. If we are going to bring things back, unfortunately, we have to bring them back slowly. And we'll have to see what we can do. We'll have to talk about that tomorrow night.

There were no further questions of Mayor Andrzejewski.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: You should have two legal opinions from me one on the Fire Fighters Conciliation and one on the primary for Ward councilman. I will be getting that to Mr. Morley and Fire Chief Whittington. *(Mr. Klammer's comment could not be heard due to the sound system.)* I just have two quick observations. I want to first compliment the residents here, because there was a point in time, if you can all think back to 2007 when a group of residents came in to City Hall they were sometimes a little more aggressive in those days. I think the people that are here today really deserve a compliment for being productive but most importantly for sticking around and hearing the answers. Because a lot of times the people left before these folks had the opportunity to give them the answers. So they deserve a compliment, but I hope the members of Council, the Mayor, and most of all the people that

did stay have heard a spirited debate. Let's not forget that it was not too long ago that the concept of opening up a swimming pool in this City was unheard of and you are now having a realistic, practical debate of a realistic possibility of opening up a swimming pool. And it was this type of spirited debate, as difficult as it seems to have watched some times, that launched that recovery. And if it wasn't for that flavor of debate and those competing two points and airing those things the City would not recover from the desperate situation that it was in. I just wanted to make that kind of an outside observance of how far we really have come. You should give yourself credit.

This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Brian Condron

Mr. Condron: I worked on the forecast and provided it to Council on February 27, 2009. I am open for questions.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mr. Condron if you could, and maybe with the help of our Mayor, I will be sending you a memo in regards to the Houston Fisher Pool – the operations of it. It will include the amount of family passes that you think may be sold, the amount of individual passes that may be sold, the amounts that you are going to have on those passes, and how many people you think are going to be using and so on and so forth. So we can get an idea. I am willing to work with the situation but Mrs. Rydzinski is right if you go to Willowick or Willoughby you can go on line and get the prices. I went on line last year and I saw Willoughby and they said non-residents are charged \$200 and residents are charged \$100. So if you can do me a favor and line something up to so I might have an idea if we are going to do swim lessons here or we're not going to do swim lessons, how much the lifeguards get paid, are we going to have a manager, two assistant managers and the time frame that the pool's going to be open? I'm trying to get an idea in my mind and I go to all these different pools and right now I have nothing to go by. In clarification of Mr. Zontini I don't think he was doing anything intentionally by asking a certain question. I think in his mind he was saying "How can we understand all this information if we don't even have something in front of us." So I will be more specific when I send you that memo. Just like the Firefighters - I will be sending you a memo regarding how much money you feel the City is going to be able to save. The firefighters and Administration are in the middle of that discussion and if we are going into budget I, at least in my mind, want to know what are we going to be working with as far as saving the Community money by going with part time firefighters or still staying with full-time firefighters? We are just trying to get some numbers together. I appreciate that.

There were no further questions of Mr. Condron.

TAX ADMINISTRATOR – Angela Keneven-Zanella

Mrs. Keneven-Zanella was absent and excused.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mike Semik

Mr. Semik was absent and excused.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – John Stigalt

Mr. Stigalt: We have been issuing a lot of building permits even though this economy is really tight. We have been receiving flooding calls. We were checking some yesterday, today and will be checking tomorrow. We have been going around to all the businesses and making sure that they have occupancy permits and the contact information is correct for the Tax Department, Fire Department and Police Department. That hasn't been done for a while so we thought that this would be a good time.

This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions for Mr. Stigalt.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: We have been very busy with the stimulus application for roadways to ODOT. We are trying to get some additional funding for the City Wide Signal Project and pending the slope projects. I'm hoping it's possible that we will get some road projects and that ODOT will take a favorable look with the roadways. *(Mr. Gwydir's comments were could not be understood due to the sound system.)* Application for renovation for the five remaining small package pump stations in the City is due on Friday. They may be giving us a combination of grants or loans or grants or loans. It is my intention to get those items in as soon as possible. I am open for questions.

Mayor Andrzejewski: How have you found the stimulus package?

Mr. Gwydir: Very enjoyable. We found it to be exasperating. One application was 9 pages long.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I know that Council has full times jobs and they don't see certain things that go on behind the scenes at City Hall. Even till this day nobody knows who's getting what money. It's amazing how talking about the stimulus package helps to pump up the economy and nobody knows yet how it's going to be distributed. We have the five pump stations today and we decided today to go ahead and try to get them - go ahead and explain what the PID numbers and its significance is? Mr. Gwydir has done a fine job.

Mr. Gwydir: The PID is the signal program for ODOT which is for the Federal Transportation System which is for the City-wide signals. *(Mr. Gwydir's comment could not be understood due to the sound system.)*

Mayor Andrzejewski: So with the PID numbers we said what the heck - these are already processed - so we are trying now to get the 20% - 30% match covered by this stimulus money, figuring that maybe we would get some of that project paid for a little bit more. There is a lot of stuff that goes on behind the scenes at City Hall. Somebody said to put your projects in for stimulus. I just don't want anybody to think that with this stimulus that we are going to get everyone of them or even that we may not get any of them. And as adamant as I am about the pool, I'm as adamant with the County as far as it might take all the money for big County projects. That Willowick, Eastlake, Willoughby deserve some of this stimulus money too because, unfortunately, some of our County officials will think that the bigger

projects should get the stimulus money and perhaps the City should not get any for their smaller projects.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Mr. Gwydir, I always appreciate your information and your assistance. If you could clarify for me, because I did not get to the WPCC meeting and Mr. Zontini referred to this. According to the minutes they were talking about a future investment.

Mr. Zontini: I'm planning on having a meeting with Mr. Gwydir, Mr. Gorka and Mr. Semik - open to the public - to discuss the new State requirements and so forth to see what kind of financials we are looking at. Do you want to wait until then?

Mr. Lajeunesse: I just wondered if you have any information regarding the WPCC?

Mr. Gwydir: A permit requirement from the EPA is for a comprehensive plan and a SSES study be done to see if there is any sewage infiltration. We have possibly a year before we have to get that done – we can ask for an extension. It will also give the Cities of Willoughby and Eastlake a chance to look at the finances and the possibility of grants.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Did they say how much it would cost – wasn't it \$50,000?

Mr. Gwydir: The Willoughby City Engineer will be working with Mr. Gorka to try to determine what is required.

Mr. Lajeunesse: If you could, as we are going into the budget – it probably will not happen tomorrow but if you could in some timely fashion – if you could get some information so the Finance Committee, Council and the Administration can have something to see what needs to be included?

Mr. Gwydir: I will try to obtain something on this.

Mr. Elshaw: Just real quick and I don't want to cut into what you might have for your meeting Mr. Zontini but, as far as the raising of our share of the cost at the WPCC, would that involve raising our sewer rates?

Mr. Gwydir: I don't believe so but it is possible.

Mr. Elshaw: Also, the infiltration studies – my understanding is that it would run somewhere around \$500,000, possibly \$250,000 per City would be our share. Mr. Condron, have you thought about that? I know we are trying to get a postponement on that.

Mr. Gwydir: We are trying to get a postponement on that and also some studies need to be done. Potentially, Willoughby and Eastlake were interested in getting planning loans. We were going to send out a communication (*Mr. Gwydir's comments could not be understood due to the sound system.*)

Mr. Elshaw: A loan would definitely spread out the payments and that would be good, although I'm not a big fan of taking on more debt. I understand that would help us out and maybe spread it out. That's something to look at.

Mr. Gwydir: The study allows you to see what the City needs. *(Mr. Gwydir's comments could not be understood due to the sound system.)*

Mr. Elshaw: Yes, I'm sure it is and expensive is definitely the word. It's difficult – a \$500,000 study and that's all it is a study. Right, there's nothing else. I would just have to question that. It's a lot of money just for a study but I definitely would defer this to you and your experience.

Mr. Gwydir: *(Mr. Gwydir's comments could not be understood due to the sound system.)*
If you see what that study means.

There were no further questions of Mr. Gwydir.

POLICE CHIEF – John Ruth

Chief Ruth: This is an opportunity for me to personally thank Mrs. Krajnyak and the other members of the Block Watch for the outstanding job and to show what the area citizens can do in helping and I appreciate what they say and what they do.

I have a few things that I would like to say. I think that Council got a little bit blindsided tonight and I thought it was a little unfair. In 2004 the City was going through difficult times and they cut programs and since then we have tried to recover some services. We need to address the pool and it is just one issue. I've got to say that I've been on the force a long time and that this Council is the most fiscally and responsible group of Council people I have seen. They look at everything. They've looked at the money, and sometimes in my frustration there were things that I wanted for my Department that I could not get. This is my belief and the Fire Chief's belief to thank them. I respect this Council and I believe that they feel that they are fiscally responsible and they would do whatever it takes. Every decision they make I respect them. I just felt obligated to speak on their behalf to address this issue. I have never seen them shirk their responsibilities. *(Chief Ruth's comment could not be understood due to the sound system)*

Mr. Lajeunesse: Chief, thank you for that observation. But I, also, wanted to say that the PAL article in the paper regarding Officer Little and Officer Hurst and what they do was a real compliment to PAL. Mrs. Krajnyak, your group does a great job for Block Watch. I know you and I talked about doing another one for the City. So we are going to pursue that. In that case, Chief, if you could do me a favor because I know that crime has dropped in that area and it has nothing to do with having the pool open or closed, but it has to do with those people that are involved with their family and their children in this community. Could you go back a year to last January and take it all the way down on how your calls have dropped? We'll do a percentage study and it doesn't have to be greatly detailed but certainly we know that the calls have diminished in that area. Could we just get an idea in a memo form? Thank you.

Police Chief Ruth: I'll do my best. I just wanted to say that the people in the Block Watch – they just don't do the talk – they walk the walk. They constantly are checking the area out. These people are shining examples of problem solving. This is what the community should be regarding problem solving. And even if we don't open the pool, one of the first things I

wanted to say, is that these people asked what they could do to help with the pool. These people did not ask “what are you going to do for us?” They asked “what can we do for you?” They are to be complimented.

Mr. Elshaw: Thanks Chief. Mrs. Krajnyak has done an awesome job with the Block Watch and I’m glad you mentioned her. And since she is here I just can’t sit here without giving her a round of applause. Thank you.

Mr. Zontini: I’ve seen three different accountings of this stimulus plan for hiring policemen. I’ve seen one for 5 years, one for 3 years and one for 1 year. Do you happen to know exactly how many years, if you hire a policeman, they plan on paying for?

Police Chief Ruth: We didn’t get all the details and there are three different programs.

Mrs. Krajnyak: I just want to say thank you to the Chief. The Chief has been wonderful and so have all the officers involved in the Block Watch program.

Chief Ruth: This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no further questions of Chief Ruth.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Chief Whittington: I would like to thank Mr. Klammer for the information regarding fire dog Sparky. We also have a retirement. As of yesterday, Christopher Caimi retired March 28, 2009. Chris served the Department 28 years. He made several contributions and he will be greatly missed. He is a personal friend and I will miss him. Additionally, he is having knee replacement surgery done he’s in our thoughts and prayers.

Finally, I worked with Police Chief for a few months now and he made some great comments and I don’t want to repeat but I look up to him as a mentor. We need to do what is best for this community. Obviously, from the Chief’s perspectives our priorities actually are the responsibilities that both of us feel is an obligation to this Community that we continue to provide. *(Chief Whittington’s comments could not be understood due to the sound system.)* This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no further questions of Chief Whittington.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:44 p.m.

DEREK W. ELSHAW, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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